

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 2 as follows:

- - In yet a further embodiment, an agent chosen from the group comprising the following; alkaline phosphatase, PPi-ase, apyrase, dimethylsulfoxide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, spermidine, detergents such as NP-40 (nonyl phenoxypolyethoxyethanol), ~~Tween 20~~ TWEEN 20 (polysorbate 20) and ~~Triton X 100~~ TRITON X-100 (C₁₄H₂₂O(C₂H₄O)_n with n being an average of 9.5); various proteins that affect secondary structure of DNA including Single Stranded DNA Binding Protein (SSB) or the protein of Gene 32, is added. - -

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 19 line 6 to page 19, line 12 as follows:

- - A number of agents or additives may be used in the disclosed method for improving the performance of the sequencing reaction. Examples of such additives include the following: dimethylsulfoxide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, spermidine, detergents such as NP-40 (nonyl phenoxypolyethoxyethanol), ~~Tween 20~~ TWEEN 20 (polysorbate 20) and ~~Triton X 100~~ TRITON X-100 (C₁₄H₂₂O(C₂H₄O)_n with n being an average of 9.5); various proteins that affect secondary structure of DNA including Single Stranded DNA Binding Protein (Amersham Biosciences) and Gene 32 Protein (Amersham Biosciences). - -